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The INTERCOM

The INTERCOM is the RMR family's newsletter, which originally started as "The Bugler" in 1914 on the troopship carrying the 14th Bn (RMR) overseas. Censorship quickly squashed the initiative, but the RMR tried again in 1916 with "The Growler".

In WW2 the RMR had two battalions, one overseas from 1939-45, and a Home unit stationed in Westmount. In an effort to boost morale and keep the lines of communication open between the two battalions, the "Intercomn" ("n" intentional) was born.

The current "Intercom" is published on an ad-hoc basis and is intended to keep the friend & family of the Regiment up to speed with the accomplishments of the current serving members of the Regiment and all affiliated organizations.

Greetings,

The individual training cycle of the summer is nearing its culmination, and in this edition of the Intercom you can read the accounts of RMR soldiers undergoing training in Valcartier.

The RMR will kick off the training year in Farnham with a Call to Arms exercise as the first exercise of the training year, which will include the Personal Weapon Test Level 3 on Saturday and the 13 km Load Bearing March and a grenade range on Sunday. This will take place 26-28 August 2017 at CAFB Farnham.

Please take a moment to read this selection of the accomplishments of the RMR Family over the past month that are shown below. As well, please take a few moments to think of or utter a prayer for deployed RMR members and those who are battling illness or disease.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Regimental Smoker to be held on 02 September 2017 - I will be smoking up some nice surprises again this year (not just pork!).

On behalf of Honorary Colonel Andrew Molson, and the Regiment's Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel John Shone, please accept our continued best wishes for a safe and successful summer - enjoy the sunshine whenever it comes out (been pretty rare so far!).

Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colin Robinson', with a long, sweeping underline.

LCol (ret'd) Colin Robinson, CD
Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel
The Royal Montreal Regiment



Forging Junior Leaders

Instructor's perspective on leadership training

Valcartier, Quebec - 27 July 2017: As a non-commissioned member in the Canadian Armed Forces, the first step towards becoming a designated leader is the Primary Leadership Qualification course. Over the last half-decade, this leadership initiation course has changed dramatically. For the Royal Canadian Infantry Corps in particular, this course has undergone some changes in both curriculum and reputation.



Colonel Hart turns 100

RMR helps Colonel Hart celebrate his 100th birthday

Westmount, Quebec - 10 July 2017: Honorary Colonel David Hart, MM, CD, the Honorary Colonel of the 34th Signals Regiment, turned 100 on Saturday 08 July 2017 and a party was organized by his daughter Leslie in the officers' mess. More than 50 people turned out to wish him and his family well. His wife Myriam having turned 99 a few days prior, and his brother turned 98 as well - great family genes!

[Read about the 100th birthday here](#)



RMR Association
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4th ANNUAL SMOKER

SEPTEMBER 2nd 2017

11H00 - 21H00

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR ANOTHER
REGIMENTAL REUNION 4th ANNUAL SMOKER!**

The RMR Association (Branch 14) will be hosting a Smoker for all Regimental Family members and Friends of the Regiment at the Canadian Forces Sailing Association in Dorval. Dress is casual, plenty of food for everyone and bring your bathing suits.

EVENTS TO INCLUDE:

Family BBQ & Cash Bar
Music
Inflatable Bouncy
Castles
Canoe and Kayaks
Sailing with Qualified Skippers
And Other Surprises!

TICKETS:

Adults \$20.00 each
Kids (10 -15) \$15 each
(Kids under 10 and special needs are Free)

CFSA Montreal
320 Ducharme Ave, Dorval
Quebec
<http://cfsamontreal.com/images/map.jpg>

**RSVP BY AUG 30 2017 to Sue Guerin at
turfski2@hotmail.com**



Regimental Smoker: 02 Sept 2017

Saturday 02 September 2017

Westmount, Quebec - 29 May 2017: Comrade Sue Guerin, President of the RMR Association (Br. 14) announced today that the RMR Association will be hosting another Reunion 'Smoker' for all Regimental Family members and Friends of the Regiment at the Canadian Forces Sailing Association in Dorval on Saturday 02 September 2017.

[Learn more about the 'Smoker' here](#)



Candidate's Perspective

Infantry Junior Leadership Course

Valcartier, Quebec - 26 July 2017: The Infantry Junior Leadership Course (IJLC) is the second step towards becoming a Junior NCO. This step is very important, as it teaches candidates how to effectively lead subordinates in both administrative and combat related tasks. Various skills and abilities pertaining to effectively leading an infantry section as a section commander and second-in-command are acquired and honed throughout the duration of this course. Some of the skills and abilities taught are: Controlling Machine Gun Fire in a support role, planning and leading reconnaissance patrols, leading hasty section attacks, and, one of the most favoured portions of the course, Urban Operations.

[Read more about the course here.](#)



"Saw some liquid fire going over. Poor chaps who were in that must have suffered"

DUVAL DIARY: WITNESSING THE WAR 100 YEARS ON

The quote is from Private Raymond Duval's diary entry precisely 100 years ago (20 July 1917). The RMR Foundation is working to keep alive the memory of those who served during the First World War and is publishing the daily diary of an eye-witness from the RMR: Private Raymond Duval, MM. In the space of a month readers have witnessed Duval's enthusiasm for war diminish rapidly.

[Read about Private Duval and his diary here.](#)

[Read the daily diary entries here.](#)



CO Visits Troops in Valcartier

Battle School is busy this summer

Westmount, Quebec - 30 July 2017: On a sunny Wednesday, the Commanding Officer (CO) of The Royal Montreal Regiment (RMR), Lieutenant-Colonel John Shone, visited all of his troops undergoing individual training at the CAFB Valcartier Battle School.

Accompanied by the RMR's Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel, LCol (ret'd) Colin Robinson, the CO first met with the School Commander and her RSM, and then toured each course that had RMR candidates and/or instructors on it.

[Read about the visit here](#)



IN LONGUE-POINTE'S FIELDS THE POPPIES GROW...

Poppy seeds from RMR's Vimy event blooming well

Montreal, Quebec - 20 July 2017: Fabiola Corona, Museologist with the CF Logistics Museum in CAFB Longue-Pointe, shared some photos with us of poppies growing in their garden. She had received the seeds when she visited the RMR's Regiments on the Ridge: Vimy 100 Years On exhibition ("Vimy 2017"), held at Westmount's Victoria Hall over three days in the first week of April 2017. Consisting of a display of WW1 artefacts, diaries, weapons, maps and more from the RMR Museum's collection, supported by documentary film viewings four times daily, as well as a reenactor dressed in WW1 replica uniform.

Poppies are not common in Canada, yet grow abundantly in the areas that the Canadians were fighting during the First World War: Northern France and Belgium.

[Read about the poppy's significance here.](#)

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